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Prompt gamma rays from the spontaneous fission of ²⁵²Cf and their angular distributions

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Introduction



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Cf 239 ~ 39 s	Cf 240 1,06 m	Cf 241 3,78 m	Cf 242 3,68 m	Cf 243 10,7 m	Cf 244 19,4 m	Cf 245 43,6 m	Cf 246 35,7 h	Cf 247 3,11 h	Cf 248 333,5 d	Cf 249 350,6 a	Cf 250 13,08 a	Cf 251 898 a	Cf 252 2,645 a
α 7,63	α 7,59 sf	α 7,342	α 7,392; 7,358 € ?	α 7,06; 7,17 g	α 7,209; 7,174 g	α 7,137 g	α 6,750, 6,708 sf γ (42; 96) e ⁻ ; g	α 6,296; 6,238 γ (294; 448; 418); e	α 6,256, 6,217 sf γ (43) e ⁻ ; g	α 5,812, 5,758 sf γ 388; 333; g σ 500; σι 1700	α 6,030; 3,969 sf γ (43); e ⁻ σ 2000; σt < 350	α 5,679, 5,649, 6,012 γ 177; 227 σ 2900; σ ₁ 4500	sf γ (43); e σ 20; σ ₁ 32
Bk 238 144 s		Bk 240 5 m		Bk 242	Bk 243 4,5 h	Bk 244 4,35 h	Bk 245 4,90 d	Bk 246 1,80 d	Bk 247 1380 a	Bk 248 23,7 h > 9 a	Bk 249 320 d	Bk 250 3,217 h	Bk 251 55,6 m
βst		e βsf		a	? α 6.575, 6.543 γ 755, 946 9	е и 6,662, 6,620 у 892; 216; 922 0	ο 5,888, 6,150 γ 253, 381 e g	γ 799; 1081; 834; 1124 e	5,688 γ 84; 265 g	β ⁻ 0.9 • γ 551 θ ⁻ • • •	5,391; sf γ (327; 308) σ 700; σt ~ 0,1	γ 989; 1032; 1029 σι 1000	$\begin{array}{l} \beta^{+} \sim 0,9;\; 1,1\\ \gamma\; 178;\; 130;\\ 153 \end{array}$
	Cm 238 2,4 h	Cm 239 3 h	Cm 240 27 d	Cm 241 32,8 d	Cm 242 162,94 d	Cm 243 29,1 a	Cm 244 18,10 a	Cm 245 8500 a	Cm 246 4730 a	Cm 247 1,56 · 10 ⁷ a	Cm 248 3,40 · 10 ⁵ a	Cm 249 64,15 m	Cm 250 ~ 9700 a
	ε α 6.52	е у 188 9	α 6,291; 6,248 st g	a 5,939 y 472, 431; 132 e g	sf; 9 γ (44); e^{-} $\sigma - 20$ $\sigma_{f} - 5$	ε; sf; g γ 278; 228; 210; e σ 130; σ ₁ 620	α 5,805; 5,762 st; g γ (43,); e ⁻ σ 15; σ _f 1,1	α 5,361; 5,304 sf; g γ 175; 133 σ 350; σ ₁ 2100	α 5,386; 5,343 sf; g γ (45); e σ 1,2; σ _f 0,16	α 4,870; 5,267 γ 402; 278 g σ 60; σι 82	α 5.078; 5,035 st; γ; e ; g σ 2,6; σ ₁ 0,36	β 0,9 γ 634; (560; 369); e ⁻ σ ~ 1,6	sf α ?; β ? σ - 80
Am 236 4,4 m	Am 237	Am 238	Am 239	Am 240	Am 241 432,2 a	Am 242	Am 243 7370 a	Am 244	Am 245 2,05 h	Am 246	Am 247 22 m		454
ε α 6,41	α 6,042 γ 280; 438; 474; 909 9	a 5,94 y 963; 919; 561; 605 g	α 5,774 γ 278; 226 e ⁻ g	α 5.378 γ 988, 889 9	α 5,486; 5,443 st; γ 60; 26 e ⁻ ; g σ 50 + 570; σ _f 3,1	a 5.206 0.7 x st; y (49) y (42) o 1700 ay 7000 ay 2100	α 5,275, 5,233 st, γ 75, 44 σ 75 + 5 σ ₁ 0,074	e γ 744; γ (1084) 898; e ⁻ ; g 154; e ⁻ σ ₁ 1600 σ ₁ 2200	β ⁺⁺ 0,9 γ 253; (241; 296) θ ⁺⁺ ; g	2.2 y 679; y 1079; 205; 799; 154; 1062 756	β γ 285; 226 e		154
Pu 235 25,3 m	Pu 236 2,858 a	Pu 237 45,2 d	Pu 238 87,74 a	Pu 239 2,411 · 10 ⁴ a	Pu 240 6563 a	Pu 241 14,35 a	Pu 242 3,750 · 10 ⁵ a	Pu 243 4,956 h	Pu 244 8,00 · 10 ⁷ a	Pu 245 10,5 h	Pu 246 10,85 d	Pu 247 2,27 d	
ST α 5,85 γ 49; (756; 34) e ⁻	SI α 5,768; 5,721 sf; Mg 28 γ (48; 109); e ⁻ σ _f 160	sτ n 5,334 γ 60e ⁻ σ _f 2300	ST α 5,499; 5,456 uf; Si; Mg γ (43; 100); e ⁻ σ 510; σ _f 17	SI α 5,157; 5,144 sf; γ (52) θ ⁻ ; m σ 270; σ ₁ 752	SI a 5,168; 5,124 $st; \gamma (45)$ $0^{-}; g$ $\sigma 290; \sigma = 0.044$	ST β ⁻ 0.02; g α 4.896 γ (149); e ⁻ σ 370; σ ₁ 1010	SI α 4,901; 4,856 sf; γ (45) θ ⁻ ; g σ 19; σ _f < 0,2.	β ⁺ 0,6 γ 84; 9 σ < 100; σ₁ 200	SI α 4,589; 4,546 sf; γ σ ⁻ σ 1,7	β 0.9; 1,2 γ 327; 560; 308; g σ 150	β 0,2; 0,3 γ 44; 224; 180 m ₁	β-	
Np 234 4,4 d	Np 235 396,1 d	Np 236 22,5 h 1,54-10 ⁵ a	Np 237	Np 238 2,117 d	Np 239 2,355 d	Np 240	Np 241 13,9 m	Np 242 2,2 m 5,5 m	Np 243 1,85 m	Np 244 2,29 m	150		
 ε; β* γ 1559; 1528; 1602 σ1 - 900 	ε; α 5,025; 5,007 γ(26; 84); e g; σ 160 + ?	ε, β 0,5, ε, β , α γ (642; γ 160; 688); ε 104; ε g; σ ₁ 2700 g; σ ₁ 2600	α 4,790; 4,774 γ 29; 87; ε ⁻ σ 180; σ ₁ 0,020	β ⁻ 1,2 γ 984; 1029; 1026; 924; e ⁻ g; σ ₁ 2100	β 0,4; 0,7 γ 106; 278; 228; e ⁻ ; g σ 32 + 19; σ ₁ < 1	p φ.σ.; p 0.0 γ 555; γ 566; 597 974; 974; e 601; 601; hy; g 448; g	β 1,3 γ 175; (133) 9	β 2,7 β γ 736; γ 786; 780; 945; 1473 159 9 9	β- γ 288 9	β γ 217; 681; 163; 111 9	152	<i>i</i>	
U 233 1,592 · 10 ⁵ a	U 234 0,0055	U 235 0,7200	U 236	U 237 6,75 d	U 238 99,2745	U 239 23,5 m	U 240 14,1 h		U 242 16,8 m				
α 4,824; 4,783 Ne 25; γ (42; 97); e σ 47; σ ₁ 530	2,455 · 10 ⁵ a α 4,775; 4,723; st Mg 28; Ne; γ (53; 121) e ⁻ ; σ 96; σ ₁ < 0,005	26 m 7,038-10 ⁴ a α 4,398; sf Νe; γ 186 σ ⁻ σ 95; σ ₁ 556	α 4,494; 4,445; 1γ 1783; sf; γ (49; 642 sf e ⁻ ; σ 5,1	β 0,2 γ 60; 208 e σ - 100; σ ₁ < 0,35	270 ns. 4,468-10 ⁹ a h 2534 e 4,196st 1679. 2011 y 50s d v 271 y 50s v 271 y 150s	β 1,2; 1,3 γ 75; 44 σ 22; σι 15	β 0,4 γ 44; (190) e m		β γ 68; 58; 585; 573 m	compound systems			

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Quote: "It started as a family business... now it's

a "gang" ;-)"

Patrick Talou, July 6, 2017



Introduction "The Gang"



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Correlations between fission fragments and γ -rays



Detector response matrix vs. transformation matrix

































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Fit: W(θ) = A₀ [1 + {A₂/A₀}P₂(cos θ) + {A₄/A₀}P₄(cos θ)]







Fit result: $\{A_2/A_0\} = 0.13 \pm 0.03$















Preliminary results Angular distributions for 500 keV energy bins



- \rightarrow again: fit of Legendre polynomials
- \rightarrow decomposition of multipolarities L = 1 and 2

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Preliminary results Multipolarity-dependent PFGS



- → multipolarity-dependent spectra
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*) Hoffman, Phys. Rev. 133 (1964)





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$\overline{\mathcal{E}}_{\gamma}$ (unknown)			0.50	(MeV)	
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From our observations: unknown transitions \rightarrow L = 2, L = 2 + unknown \rightarrow L = 2'.



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- Comparison with FIFRELIN calculations shows rather good agreement ...



Outlook



- ... that is even better with a more realistic (?) assumption $\{A_2/A_0\} \approx -0.2$ for dipole radiation,
- leading to
 - $< M_{\gamma,L=1} > \approx 2.8 (34 \%)$ and
 - $< M_{\gamma,L=2} > \approx 5.5 (66 \%)$
- These results have to be compared with other related information on fission fragments, such as
 - average neutron separation energies
 - average moments of inertia etc.



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Thank you!